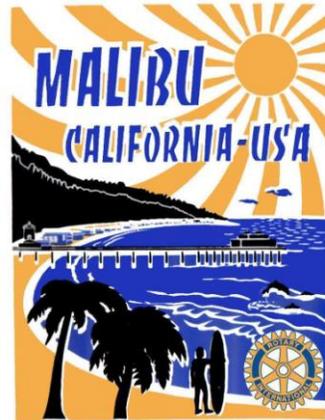




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## ***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

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- Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org)
- Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
- Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)
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**Bette Hall, Rotary Senior Assistant Governor and District Youth Chair, speaking on  
“Rotary Youth Protection Policy”**



**Bette Hall, Rotary District Senior Assistant Governor for Youth ( and Rotary District Governor Nominee) standing Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence at the May 16 Malibu Rotary Club meeting**

Prior to joining the Calabasas Rotary Club and becoming its president in 2009 Bette Hall was Vice President of Human Resources at a large publicly held multi-state corporation. In her years managing HR companies she had to set policy on what companies expect from their employees, not just in doing their jobs but how they should act in dealing with the public.

Rotary recognized Bette's skill set, and the Rotary District Governor Nominee (Bette will be Rotary District Governor in 2020) and made Bette the Rotary District 5280 SAG Youth Chair, a position she has held for the past 3 years.

Each Rotary District has been charged with implementing a Rotary Youth Protection Policy based on Rotary International's Statement of Conduct For Working with Youth based on the statement adopted by the RI Board of Directors in November 2006

### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S STATEMENT OF CONDUCT FOR WORKING WITH YOUTH**

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

*Adopted by the RI Board of Directors, November 2006*

Rotary at all levels, takes any allegations of impropriety very seriously, and anyone who is going to interact with youth must be screened and certified to be able to do that.

History shows us that various organizations that serve youth, whether it is schools, scouts, YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs or service organizations must all be ever vigilante against not only child abuse, but anything that could be construed as child abuse.

There is a case that goes back to 1967 when a 15 year old Australian female exchange student in a host home in Oklahoma in the United States was allegedly abused by the family she was living with. She did not go public with the story until she was 52.

As far as we know there has been no serious incident like this in our district. Rotary International and each Rotary District is trying to make sure nothing like this ever occurs.

Bette emphasizes that RI statement about working with youth applies to all Rotarians and volunteers. Rotary has zero tolerance for abuse and harassment, and this includes what a person says, or even innuendo.

Allegations will remove adult from youth contact. Any allegation must be reported, and the individual will be removed from Rotary membership.

The Rotary manual on Youth Exchange program states the following:

“Coordinate the following youth protection efforts within the Youth Exchange program: • Train host families, students, and adult volunteers. • Screen all adult volunteers, including, but not limited to, committee members, host families, Rotarian counselors, and others. This includes

interviewing volunteers to determine their suitability for working with youth, ensuring that volunteers complete the Youth Volunteer Agreement, and conducting background checks, including references and law enforcement public records. • Ensure that any volunteer who has admitted to, been convicted of, or otherwise found to have engaged in sexual abuse or harassment is prohibited from working with youth in a Rotary context. • Develop a support system for students that meets all requirements for district certification. • Establish procedures for supporting students after an allegation of abuse or harassment, including removing alleged offenders from contact with youth in Rotary programs, determining criteria for moving a student, finding temporary housing, and providing support services.”

Bette says use common sense. Watch what you say. Verbal, physical, innuendo, whistling, leering and similar sorts of behavior will not be tolerated.

As much as possible avoid one on one situations with students you are working with. Watch what you say and do on social media. Once something is on the internet, even on Snapchat, there is still an electronic record of it.

If a student tells you about an incident get the facts. Don't interrogate. If you need to tell someone else use the student's exact words. Don't judge. Keep a detailed written record or better yet, a video recorded record with your smart phone.

If this is a serious allegation the District Governor should be told. Keep confidentiality.

At the conclusion of Bette's PowerPoint presentation Bette handed out a sheet which Rotary members signed and I believe that this may have certified the Malibu Rotarians who at the meeting for being able to work with youth.

On the District 5280 website there is a link to having the district get a Consumer Report on members who want to be volunteers.

To have the district certify you to be a volunteer go to <https://ryed5280.volunteerportal.net/> put in the password “goodwill”. You will be taken to the following disclosure form:

## **DISCLOSURE FORM TO OBTAIN CONSUMER REPORTS FOR VOLUNTEER PURPOSES**

### **DISCLOSURE**

In considering you for volunteer position, and if you are a volunteer, in considering you for subsequent promotion, assignment, reassignment, retention, or discipline, Rotary District 5280 may request and rely upon one or more consumer reports or investigative consumer reports about you that we obtain from a consumer reporting agency, such as IntelliCorp Records, Inc.

IntelliCorp Records, Inc. can be contacted by mail at 3000 Auburn Dr, Suite 410; Beachwood, OH 44122; or phone: 1-888-946-8355; or website: [www.intellicorp.net](http://www.intellicorp.net).

For explanation purposes:

- a “consumer report” is a written, oral or other communication of any information by a consumer reporting agency bearing on your credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living which is used or expected to be

used or collected in whole or in part for the purpose of serving as a factor in making a volunteer position, and if you are a volunteer, in considering you for subsequent promotion, assignment, reassignment, retention, or discipline, related decision about you. Such information may include, for example, credit information, criminal history reports, or driving records; and

•an “investigative consumer report” is a consumer report in which information on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living is obtained through personal interviews with your prior employers, neighbors, friends, or associates, or with others who may have knowledge concerning any such items of information. In the event an investigative consumer report is requested about you, you are entitled to additional disclosures regarding the nature and scope of the investigation requested, as well as a written summary of your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”).

Under the FCRA, before Rotary District 5280 can obtain a consumer report or investigative consumer report about you, we must have your written authorization. Before we take adverse action on the basis, in whole or in part, of information in that report, you will be provided a copy of that report, the name, address, and telephone number of the consumer reporting agency, and a summary of your rights under the FCRA.

You sign this form online.

*Editor’s Note: It is interesting that while many Rotary Districts have their current Youth Policy Protection Policies on line our Rotary District 5280 website has no current one online, and the one that is online from the year 2012 has only person certified on the list from Malibu Rotary Club and that person is no longer in our club. Check it out at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/SitePage/youth-protection/youth-protection>. If there is a current Youth Policy Protection Policy available on line for Rotary District 5280 please send it to me and I will post it on the Malibu Rotary Club website -- john.*

### **Other News and Guests at the Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting**

Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence announced that the first Homeless Connect Day of 2018 is set to take place on May 30 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Malibu Courthouse.

The event will provide free services—including legal assistance, medical services, housing resources, complimentary lunch, haircuts, food stamps and more—for homeless individuals.

Volunteers are still needed; if interested, contact Reuben Vicente at [rvicente@stjosephctr.org](mailto:rvicente@stjosephctr.org) or call 313.961.0499 or Bianca who has been one of the Malibu CART volunteers since the organization started.

This event is sponsored by LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, City of Malibu, St. Joseph Center, The People Concern and Malibu CART.

Next week, May 27, the Malibu Rotary Club will be making donation to the Malibu Labor Exchange (Kay Gabbard & Jay Scott will be talking about this organization accept Malibu

Rotary check at the next meeting). That evening 2 graduating seniors of Malibu High School will be receiving checks from the Malibu Rotary Club at the school's Awards Ceremony.

### **Guests**

In addition to guest speaker **Bette Hall** there was another guest at May 16 Malibu Rotary Club meeting, **Nagy Henein**, Regional Vice President and Private Mortgage Banker at First Bank. Nagy is a member of the Malibu Chamber and came to the meeting because of what he heard about the Malibu Rotary Club at the Malibu Chamber breakfast the previous week at Paradise Cove Café. There were only 5 Malibu Rotarians present at the May 16 Malibu Rotary Club meeting, making it the lowest attended meeting of the year and tying the lowest attendance set previously on August 24, 2016 (official stats from ClubRunner).

### **District Events**

- May 17- May 20 **District Conference** Hyatt Grand Champions, Indian Wells -- Bill Wishard and Margo Neal represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary District Conference—Bill attended the 3 day conference and Margo was there 1 day. Bill has pictures and a report that he will share when he returns from his annual trip to the Memorial Day Week End Indy 500 Race.
- June 2 District Assembly Carson Community Center. Immediately following the Club Leadership Assembly will be the District Grant Training. It is a must to be able to qualify for any District and Global Rotary grants. Cost is \$45.00

### **CALENDAR**

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**May 23 2018 Kay Gabbard & Jay Scott will accept a check from the Malibu Rotary Club for The Malibu Community Labor Exchange and talk about this community resource**

The Malibu Community Labor Exchange is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose primary function is to provide a safe and convenient place for people to wait for day jobs. This facilitates a connection with prospective hirers. The benefit to the community is in

having a central location where people can find workers; and the benefit to the workers is in having a safe and supportive organization that helps facilitate the work process. The MCLE is neither an employment agency nor an employer. All workers are independent.

**May 30 2018 John Elman will Show and Tell “What you should know about ClubRunner” at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting**

John Elman is Malibu Rotary Club secretary, writer of the weekly Malibu Rotary Club newsletter, and webmaster of the Malibu Rotary Club website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org). The website uses communication tools of ClubRunner, which is used by many Rotary Clubs and districts around the world. Non-members of the Malibu Rotary Club can learn about what the Malibu Rotary Club is, what it does, when it meets, who the future speakers are, and who the past speakers were. Members of the Rotary Club can log into the site and view reports and communicate with other members of the Rotary Club and the Rotary District. John will explain what you should know about the Malibu Rotary ClubRunner site when he is the featured speaker at the May 30th meeting of the club.

**May 30 2018 Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting Follows the Regular Meeting**

**June 6 2018 Ellen Shane will talk about The Emily Shane Foundation**

Discussion will focus on why and how founder Ellen Shane created the SEA Program of the nonprofit charity, The Emily Shane Foundation. She will discuss the SEA Program, explain exactly what it is, and give specific examples of her work. In addition, founder will touch on her grief support practice. Her story can hopefully inspire others!

**June 20 2018 Demotion Party Dinner Honoring Bianca Torrence at Tra di Noi**

Demotion Party Dinner honor Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Tra di Noi Restaurant in Malibu. There will no morning meeting that day

**June 27 2018 Simon Treselyan on “How Special Forces Techniques Has Helped My Business and Personal Development”**

Simon Treselyan was trained in Special Forces for Great Britain. At the June 27 meeting of the Malibu Rotary meeting Simon will tell how the techniques he learned in Special Forces helped him in business and personal development.

**July 4 2018 Independence Day—No Rotary Club Meeting—Enjoy the National Holiday!**

**July 11 2018 Marianne Gisele Bema on “Bantu Arts Atelier For Kids”**

**July 18, 2018 Claire Fullerton, “A Novelist Discusses her Path to Publication”**

Claire Fullerton will be speaking to the Rotary Club July 18th about the process of writing a novel and the road to traditional publication. In this day and age of so many self-publishing, she will provide insight into how to enter the arena of the traditionally published, beginning with writing a novel.

According to Clair the good news is it's not as daunting as many assume.

Claire Fuller grew up in Memphis, TN and now lives in Malibu, CA. She is the author of contemporary fiction, "Dancing to an Irish Reel," set in Connemara, Ireland, where she once lived. Dancing to an Irish Reel is a finalist in the 2016 Kindle Book Review Awards, and a 2016 Readers' Favorite. Claire is the author of "A Portal in Time," a paranormal mystery that unfolds in two time periods, set on California's hauntingly beautiful Monterey Peninsula, in a village called Carmel-by-the-Sea. Both of Claire's novels are published by Vinspire Publishing. Her third novel, Mourning Dove, is a Southern family saga, to be published in June, 2018 by Firefly Southern Fiction. She is one of four contributors to the book, The South in All Seasons, with her novella, Through an Autumn Window, to be published in October, 2018 by Firefly Southern Fiction. Claire is represented by Julie Gwinn, of The Seymour Literary Agency, and can be found on WordPress, Twitter (cfullerton3) Goodreads, Instagram ( cfullerton) as well as the website under her name.

**August 15 2018 Danial Fereydani speaking on “Income Planning and Overall Tax Strategies for 2018”**

Danial Fereydani, President and Founder of Pendo Insurance Services of Beverly Hills will be the featured speaker at the August 15 2018 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club at 8:00 a.m. at Pepperding University Upper Drescher Graduate campus Room LC 152. Mr. Fereydani specializes in income planning, tax-advantaged strategies and tax-free legacy planning.

Mr. Fereydani named his company Pendo after the Greek word for value” because he is passionate about adding value to clients. He focuses on helping clients achieve their long-term financial goals by understanding their specific situation and implementing a strategy that will position them for principal protection, minimizing taxes and leaving a legacy for loved ones.

